

What is claimed is:

1. A method of facilitating handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a list of available other networks to
5 said User Equipment via the active network;
in the User Equipment, selecting among the
available networks based on preference information and
signalling to said active network at least one preferred
other network; and
10 providing neighbor cell information for the at
least one preferred other network to said User Equipment
via the active network.

2. A method of facilitating handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network, the method comprising a step of
providing to User Equipment communicating via the active
5 network a list of available other networks.

3. A method of facilitating handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network, the method comprising the steps of:
receiving from User Equipment communicating via the
5 active network an indication of at least one preferred
other network; and

in response thereto, providing neighbor cell information for the at least one preferred other network.

4. A method of operating User Equipment capable of handover between an active network and another network comprising a step of storing in the User Equipment a list of available networks based on information supplied by
5 the active network with which the User Equipment is in communication.

5. A method according to claim 4 further comprising a step of incrementally adding to or subtracting from the list of available networks.

6. A method according to claim 2 further comprising a step of sending a message to the User Equipment containing information for incrementally adding to or subtracting from the list of available networks.

7. A method of operating an active network to facilitate handover to another network comprising a step of providing to User Equipment communicating via the active network a message containing information for
5 incrementally adding to or subtracting from a stored list of available networks.

8. A method of operating User Equipment capable of handover between an active network and another network comprising a step of incrementally adding to or subtracting from a stored list of available networks
5 based on information supplied by the active network with which the User Equipment is in communication.

9. A method of operating User Equipment capable of handover between an active network and another network comprising a step of signalling to the active network with which the User Equipment is in communication a
5 preferred other network for handover.

10. A method according to claim 9, wherein said preferred other network is selected by the User Equipment from a list of available networks supplied by the network.

11. A method of operating an active network with which User Equipment is in communication comprising a step of sending neighbor cell information to User Equipment based on network preferences communicated by the User Equipment.

12. A method according to claim 11 comprising a step of sending mutually different neighbor cell information to mutually different User Equipments based on mutually

different network preferences.

13. A method according to claim 1, wherein the preferred other network is selected based on information stored in the User Equipment, preferably in a SIM card.

14. A method according to claim 1, wherein the active network is a UMTS network and the other network is selected from available GSM networks.

15. A method according to claim 1, wherein the active network is provided by an active network provider and the other network is selected from networks provided by other network providers.

16. User Equipment for a mobile communications system capable of handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network comprising means for storing a list of available
5 other networks supplied by the active network.

17. User Equipment according to claim 16, further comprising means for updating the stored list of available other networks based on information supplied by the active network.

18. User Equipment for a mobile communications system capable of handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network comprising means for updating a stored list of
5 available other networks based on information supplied by the active network.

19. User Equipment for a mobile communications system capable of handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network comprising means for signalling a preferred other
5 network to the active network during a call.

20. User Equipment according to claim 19, further comprising means for storing network preference information.

21. User Equipment according to claim 16, wherein the active network is a UMTS network and the other network is a GSM network, having means for communicating over both networks.

22. A mobile communications network or component thereof including means for communicating to User Equipment communicating with the network a list of available other networks.

23. A mobile communications network or component thereof according to claim 22 having means for sending a message to me User Equipment containing information for incrementally adding to or subtracting from the list of
5 available networks.

24. A mobile communications network or component thereof including means for sending a message to User Equipment containing information for incrementally adding to or subtracting from a list of available networks
5 stored in the User Equipment.

25. A mobile communications network or component thereof including means for receiving from User Equipment communicating with the network an indication of a preferred other network and means for supplying
5 neighboring cell information for the preferred other network.

26. A mobile communications network or component thereof including means for sending neighbor cell information to User Equipment based on network preferences communicated by the User Equipment.

27. A mobile communications network or component

thereof according to claim 26 arranged to send mutually
different neighbor cell information to mutually different

- 5 User Equipments based on mutually different network
preferences.

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